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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 17, 2000

APPLICATION OF

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE990716

To revise its fuel factor
pursuant to Va. Code § 56-249.6

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

On October 20, 1999, Appalachian Power Company ("Appalachian" or "the Company") filed with the Commission written testimony, exhibits, and proposed tariffs intended to decrease its fuel factor from 1.482¢/kWh to 1.325¢/kWh effective with bills rendered on and after December 1, 1999. By Orders dated November 2, 1999, and November 8, 1999, the Commission set a procedural schedule for this case, required the Company to provide notice of its application to the public, and allowed a fuel factor of 1.339¢/kWh to go into effect on an interim basis on December 1, 1999. The interim factor was based upon projected annual fuel expenses exclusive of estimated SO₂ emission allowance costs, and adjustments made to the factor after the Company's application was filed. On January 27, 2000, the Commission set a revised procedural schedule for the filing of testimonies and a hearing in this case.

Shortly before the April 11, 2000, hearing, the Commission learned that newspaper notice of Appalachian's application was never published in The Roanoke Times.

NOW, UPON consideration, the Commission finds that the Company should publish notice of its application in The Roanoke Times. Though we already have held the hearing in this matter, we will allow interested parties to submit comments, notices of protest, protests, and testimony in this case. If interested parties so request, we will reconvene a hearing to allow such parties to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and otherwise fully participate in this case. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) On or before April 21, 2000, Appalachian shall cause a copy of the following notice to be published as display advertising (not classified), on one occasion in The Roanoke Times newspaper:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE
1999-2000 FUEL FACTOR PROCEEDING
FOR APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY
CASE NO. PUE990716

On October 20, 1999, Appalachian Power Company ("Appalachian") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission for a decrease in its fuel factor from 1.482¢/kWh to 1.325¢/kWh effective with bills rendered on and after December 1, 1999. By Orders dated November 2 and November 8, 1999, the Commission set a procedural schedule for this case and required the Company to provide notice of its application to the public. Additionally, a fuel factor of 1.339¢/kWh was put

into effect on an interim basis as of December 1, 1999. The interim factor was based upon projected annual fuel expenses exclusive of SO2 emission allowance costs as well as adjustments made to the factor after Appalachian's application was filed. On January 27, 2000, the Commission set a revised procedural schedule for the filing of testimonies and a hearing in this matter.

Shortly before the April 11, 2000, hearing, the Commission learned that newspaper notice of Appalachian's application was never published in The Roanoke Times. The Commission proceeded with the hearing as scheduled but has ordered Appalachian to place this notice for publication. Interested parties may submit comments, notices of protest, protests, and testimony as set forth below. If interested parties so request, the Commission will reconvene a hearing to allow such parties to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and otherwise fully participate in this case.

Persons desiring a copy of the testimony and exhibits filed by Appalachian shall direct their requests to Michael J. Quinan, Esquire, Woods, Rogers & Hazlegrove, P.L.C., 823 East Main Street, Suite 1200, Richmond, Virginia 23219. All testimony and exhibits filed by Appalachian are available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Control Center, First Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia.

On or before May 3, 2000, persons desiring to participate as Protestants, as defined in Rule 4:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("S.C.C. Rules"), 5 VAC 5-10-180, to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses, shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and twenty (20) copies of a notice of protest, as described in S.C.C. Rule 5:16(a), 5 VAC 5-10-420 B, and shall serve a copy upon Appalachian at the address set forth below and upon each party in this case.

On or before May 8, 2000, each Protestant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and twenty (20) copies of a Protest (S.C.C. Rule 5:16(b), 5 VAC 5-10-420 C) and an original and twenty (20) copies of any prepared testimony and exhibits. The Protestant shall serve two (2) copies of these documents upon Appalachian at the address set forth below and upon each party in this case.

Any party desiring to file comments on Appalachian's application shall file with the Clerk of the Commission, on or before May 8, 2000, an original and twenty (20) copies of such comments and shall serve two (2) copies of the comments upon Appalachian and each party in this case.

Requests for hearing or the opportunity to cross-examine witnesses also must be received by the Clerk on or before May 8, 2000. Requests for hearing shall state why a hearing is necessary and why such issues cannot be adequately addressed in written comments.

All correspondence shall refer to Case No. PUE990716 and shall be filed with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Two (2) copies of such correspondence also shall be directed to Appalachian as follows: Michael J. Quinan, Esquire, Woods, Rogers & Hazlegrove, P.L.C., 823 East Main Street, Suite 1200, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

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(2) Appalachian shall make copies of its prefiled testimony and exhibits available to any person desiring such a copy. Requests for copies shall be directed to Michael J. Quinan, Esquire, Woods, Rogers & Hazlegrove, P.L.C., 823 East Main Street, Suite 1200, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

(3) On or before May 3, 2000, any person desiring to participate as a Protestant, as defined in Rule 4:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("S.C.C. Rules"), 5 VAC 5-10-180, shall file with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, an original and twenty (20) copies of a notice of protest as provided in S.C.C. Rule 5:16(a), 5 VAC 5-10-420 B, and shall serve a copy on counsel for the Company as follows: Michael J. Quinan, Esquire, Woods, Rogers & Hazlegrove, P.L.C., 823 East Main Street, Suite 1200, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

(4) On or before May 8, 2000, each Protestant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and twenty (20) copies of a Protest (S.C.C. Rule 5:16(b), 5 VAC 5-10-420 C) and an original and twenty (20) copies of any prepared testimony and exhibits. The Protestant shall serve two (2) copies of these documents upon Appalachian and upon each party in this case.

(5) On or before May 8, 2000, any party desiring to file comments on Appalachian's application shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and twenty (20) copies of such comments and shall serve two (2) copies of the comments upon Appalachian and each party in this case.

(6) Requests for hearing or the opportunity to cross-examine witnesses also must be received by the Clerk on or

before May 8, 2000. Requests for hearing shall state why a hearing is necessary and why such issues cannot be adequately addressed in written comments.

(7) On or before May 8, 2000, Appalachian shall provide the Commission with proof of publication of the above notice as required in this Order.